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can do it already, you know. And I don't know whether we should be passing a bill that will, you know, help them out as far as their financial burden to the state. We don't seem to help the average common-folk person, giving him a tax credit, you know, so that his tax bill would be as big as it normally should be, because he's taken in some more money. I mean, these are things that we need to realistically look at. That \$5 million just really knocked me in the face because somewhere along the line, we have to make up for those \$5 million. How are we going to do The only way that we can realistically do that is by adding an additional tax, building the economy so that the money would normally come in. But these are questions that I have. And I'm really concerned about, you know, the direction that we're setting, who we're going to put the burden on to benefit people that are making a charitable giving. Like I had said earlier, I am not against the charitable giving part of it. Individuals can do the charitable giving. Maybe this will help them make a decision whether they want to contribute "X" amount dollars or not to it. But I think we have to...we as a of legislative body have to be concerned about who and at what expense are we going to do this. And that \$5 million and \$300,000 to administrate the program, that is very much of a concern of mine. So with that, those are my comments. I will get into the discussion a little later on, as we continue. as for now, I'm going to return the... (microphone malfunction).

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator Stuthman, for that cutoff.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: That's okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a confirmation report from the Natural Resources Committee. Your Committee on Natural Resources reports LB 342 to General File. Those reports signed by Senator Schrock. Hearing notice from General Affairs, signed by Senator Janssen. Amendments to be printed: Senator Connealy to LB 313; Senator Preister to LB 312; Senator Preister to LB 646. Reference report regarding gubernatorial appointment. And new A bills. LB 85A by Senator Byars. (Read LB 85A by title for the first time.) LB 243A by Senator Byars. (Read